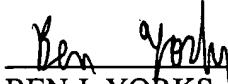


20. The method of claim 17, wherein the tip oscillates at a frequency essentially equal to a repetition frequency of the packets.
21. The method of claim 18, wherein the pulses have a pulse frequency that is approximately equal to a natural frequency of the transducer.
- ~~22.~~ A method for performing an ophthalmic procedure, comprising:
 - inserting a tip into a cornea through an incision point; and,
 - transmitting a plurality of packets of pulses to a transducer that oscillates the tip, the pulses being provided so that the tip operates at a temperature below a temperature that will denature the cornea.
23. The method of claim 22, wherein the pulses have a pulse frequency that is approximately equal to a natural frequency of the transducer.
24. The method of claim 22, wherein the transducer does not resonate.
25. The method of claim 22, wherein the tip oscillates at a frequency essentially equal to a repetition frequency of the packets.
- ~~26.~~ A method for operating a medical handpiece that includes a tip that is oscillated by a transducer, comprising:
 - transmitting a plurality of packets of pulses to the transducer to oscillate the tip, the packets having a duration that prevents resonance of the transducer, the pulses having a pulse frequency that is approximately equal to a natural frequency of the transducer.
27. The method of claim 26, wherein the packets are separated by pauses that have a duration that prevents a generation of a significant amount of heat by the tip.
28. The method of claim 22, wherein the tip oscillates at a frequency essentially equal to a repetition frequency of the packets.

The applicant hereby requests the Examiner enter and examine newly added claims
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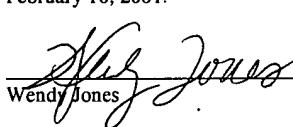
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